REMARKS

Claims 18-20 and 22-24 remain in this Application in their original form. Claims 1-17

and 21 have been withdrawn. Applicant reserves the right to request reconsideration of these

withdrawn claims should they be found to depend from an allowable generic claim.

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated November 20, 2006. Applicant

has addressed the issues raised by the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the Application

be allowed to proceed to substantive examination.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for

allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the

claims as amended. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/STRK-26,581 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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